

# Operating Budget/CRR



## **OVERVIEW – ANNUAL BUDGET**

- Purpose of Annual Budget
  - Outlines the project's direction and scope of work for the fiscal year
  - Establishes the annual benchmark from which the RCI Asset Manager and PPD PM assess project performance
  - Full Disclosure on project matters and information
  - Resolve any areas of concern
- Roles & Responsibilities
  - Service Providers prepare draft Annual Budget (Aug/Sept timeframe)
  - Managing Member (Partner) refines/approves draft Annual Budget
  - RCI Asset Manager and PPD Program Manager concurrently review the draft Annual Budget
  - Managing Member finalizes Annual Budget
  - ACSIM and Managing Member approve / disapprove Final Annual Budget (Higher Authority Major Decision)
  - Final Budget with updated BAH rates provided to ACSIM (PPD)



## **BUDGET PROCESS**

- Role of RCI Asset Management Team
  - Review of overall project performance, financial indicators, and property condition to focus on areas for improvement
  - Review and evaluate previous budget goals, objectives, and actual performance
  - Understand allocation methodologies for expenses (especially utilities or other "Services")
  - Meet with Garrison Commander to discuss issues/expectations
  - Understand strategy behind the budget decision being proposed
- Interaction between Managing Member and RCI Asset Management Team and PPD PM
  - Open communication in a collaborative manner
  - Open book process; all back-up information should be provided
  - Define clear, logical and consistent objectives to improve performance
    - Focused on specific items needing improvement (turnovers, service order response time, etc.)



## **BUDGET PROCESS**

- Role of PPD PM
  - Overall approval authority for operating and "standard" CRR budget
  - To provide additional insight and feedback on the perspective gained...
    - From reviewing the Partner's other projects
    - From reviewing the entire RCI portfolio
    - From lessons learned
- Additionally:
  - PPD meets with each Partner in Sep/Oct to complete portfolio level discussion on budgets to include:
    - Corporate/Project Initiatives
    - Current organization chart/corporate allocations
    - Trends by project, partner, portfolio
    - Annual CRR



## **BUDGET PROCESS**

- Budget Development
  - Start early
  - Talk to GC about plans/expectations/other
  - Define timeline and brief RCI Asset Management Team
  - Significant Internal (Corporate) Review
  - If major changes are planned involve RCI Asset Manager and PPD PM early
- Submission
  - Should be consistent among each Partner's projects
  - Assumptions, variances, and strategy should be explained
  - On Time
- Collaboration
  - Must have open communication at all levels
  - If Major Decision is triggered then needs to be a separate action



# **Evaluating Sustainment Risks**

- Once IDP is closed, projects enter the sustainment phase
  - Focus on capital planning (roofs, appliances, infrastructure, etc.)
- CR&R Account funded monthly with project cash flow
  - Reinvestment funds may also be used for sustainment needs
- Original CR&R plans were narrowly defined
  - Most are seriously underfunded at roughly \$300/unit/year
  - Typical of a 20 year investment horizon, not 50 year sustainment
  - Primary focus on appliances, floor coverings, AC units
  - A few had roofs and infrastructure
  - Reinvestment is presumed to do the heavy lifting
- CR&R Assessment is used to proactively identify risks
  - Becomes the basis of budget discussions with Partner



# How Far Does \$300/yr Go

- Not far
  - Fails to fund basic needs
- Nothing for
  - Community facilities
  - Site infrastructure
  - Interior finishes
  - Exteriors & roofs
  - Equipment & vehicles
- We model all items for
  - Comprehensive picture
  - Reinvestment risk
  - Near term exposures
- Shaded items > \$750
  - Double typical deposits

Annual CR&R Cost Examples					
Item	Avg Life	Cost	Cost/yr	Cumulative	
Appliance Package	10	1,500	150	150	
Water Heater	10	650	65	215	
AC Condensor	12	1,500	125	340	
Carpet	7	1,400	200	540	
Roof	25	5,400	216	756	

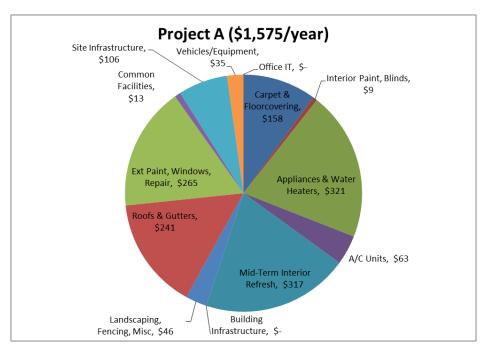
<u>Unit Elements</u>		Site & Common Elements	
Carpets (Sqft)	Exterior Paint/Pressure Wash	Playground Equipment	
Vinyl Flooring	Exterior Wood Trim Repair	Tennis/Basketball Courts	
Roofing	Windows	Landscaping/Tree Removal	
Heat Pumps	Smoke Detectors	Street Sealing/Overlay/Repair	
Air Handlers	Bathroom Exhaust Fans	Sidewalk & Curb / Gutter	
Exterior Condensor(HVAC)	Light Fixtures	Street Sewer	
Water Heaters	Plastic Lam Counter Tops	Water Mains/Laterals/Hydrants	
Refrigerators	Kitchen Cabinets	Electrical Feeders/Transformers	
Ranges/Oven	Faucets/Sinks/Fixtures	Gas Distribution	
Dishwasher	Garage Door Openers	Storm Drains	
Disposals	Garage Doors	Bus Shelters	
Range Hood	Plumbing	Pool Plaster/Deck/Equipment	
Microwave Oven	Fencing (Chain Link)	Common Areas/Fields	
Interior Doors/Hardware	Blinds	Community Center	
Bathroom Vanities	Exterior Doors	Maintenance Center	
Bathtub Surrounds	Storm Doors	Fitness Center Equip & Furnish	
Medicine Cabinet	Premium Finishes in SO Units	Vehicles & Equipment/IT	

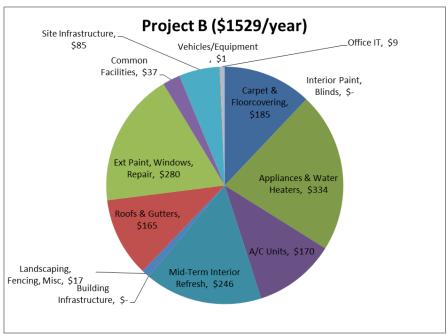
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# **What Does Sustainment Require**

- \$1500-\$1600 per year for 2 recent evaluations
  - Current dollars and neutral regional cost factors
- Details vary but general results are similar
- Need strategy to cover all sustainment needs
  - Reinvestment funds provide relief, but may not arrive in time







# Why is This Not a Problem Today

## CR&R spends are lumpy

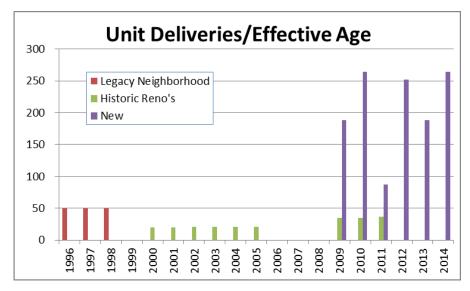
- Not yet replacing components
- Still in honeymoon phase

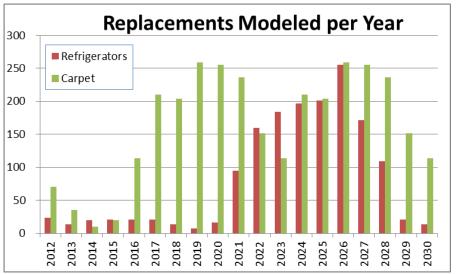
#### Large project example

- 1430 homes 6 year IDP
  - 1051 new
  - 148 legacy
  - 231 historic renovations

#### Component replacements

- Near term needs very limited
- Flooring coming in 2 years
- Refrigerators in 7
- Will level over time
- But not at current levels
- Bottom line SAVE CR&R \$







# **Typical Findings**

#### Long-term (next 40 years)

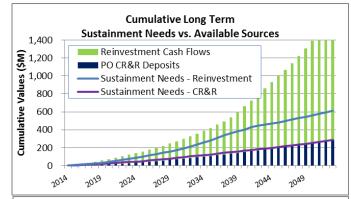
- Reinvestment funds will need to close sustainment gaps
- Reinvestment plans will be impacted

#### Mid-Term (next 10 years)

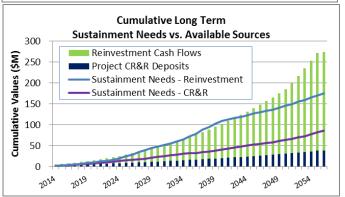
- Projects failing to save for coming needs
- First cycle replacements hit in next 5-10 yrs
- Limited reinvestment avail to offset needs

#### Some projects are more challenged

- Most reinvestment used to fund sustainment
- Projects may have shortfalls if there are significant numbers of legacy units
- Home replacements and major renovations deferred until very late in the lease term
- Requires strategies to prolong life of homes for long term marketability



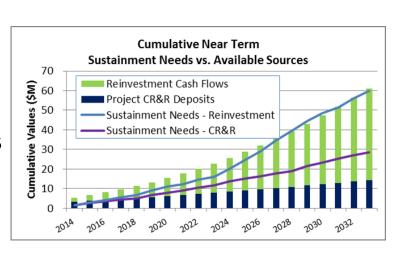






## What Does This Mean for You?

- Develop out-year planning with a robust sustainment model
  - Ensure all parties recognize sustainment needs over next 5-10 years
  - Set realistic expectations for timing of major renovations or replacements
- Transform information into action thru budget process
  - Identify which sustainment needs fund thru Opex, CR&R or Reinvestment
  - Ensure budget discussions address all 3 areas of funding
- Focus specifically on components of the housing inventory
  - Look past honeymoon period
  - Address period of maximum stress
  - Focus on renewal components
  - Discuss specific inventory challenges
  - Drive savings function in CR&R plans





## **Budget Timeline**

#### **Submission IAW Project Operating Agreement**

- Budget Due 1 Oct 15 Nov
- ACSIM Review 1 Oct 4 Dec
- Budget Comment Responses due to ACSIM NLT 11 Dec
- ACSIM Budget Approval NLT 18 Dec
- GC Approved Budget NLT 31 Dec
- Final Approved budget to DA with updated BAH rates NLT 15
  Jan



# **Summary**

- Ensure all parties have a good understanding of the assumptions behind the budget
- Out-of-Pocket may impact BAH rates; particularly at isolated locations or locations where military drives housing demand
- Almost all RCI projects have entered/will enter the sustainment phase
- Partner needs to have a reasonable CRR plan which is funded
- All stakeholders need to focus on the medium-long term horizon